CAT-III Landing System at Delhi Airport

2180. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAT-III landing system is in place at Delhi Airport to ensure proper flight schedules during foggy winter months;

(b) whether the flight crew are now trained and equipped to operate CAT-III landing and take-off systems;

(c) whether the meterological office, based on excess monsoon, has forecast a severe winter and foggy weather during winter months; and

(d) if so, the details of contingency plans to keep flights on schedule during the winter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Pilots are being suitably trained by airlines to make use of CAT-IIIA Instrument Landing System (ILS) installed at Delhi airport.

(c) India Meteorological Department (IMD) does not issue long range forecasts and no forecast of severe winter and foggy weather has been made available for 2003.

(d) Control Room will be set up at Delhi airport. The IMD will disseminate a trend forecast for next 3 hours to airline operators, Airports Authority of India and other aviation agencies. Information on delay to flights due to fog/poor visibility conditions will be relayed through electronic media and FM Channels. Special training has been stipulated for pilots of various operators for landing in ILS Cat-II and Cat-IIIA weather conditions. Directorate General of Civil Aviation has been continuously monitoring the progress of training in order to have adequate number of pilots to meet the low visibility conditions during the ensuing winter season.

Slum Around Mumbai Airport

2181. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVILAVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai Airport is encircled by slumdwellers;